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A. Kovin Airfield

1. The airfield is located a short distance from the town of Kovin on the eastern side of the highway and railway line that connect Kovin and Bavaniste. The field is equipped with two concrete runways of modest dimensions that were constructed by the Germans. One (designated No. 1 on the accompanying sketch) is nine meters wide and runs for about 250 meters at right angles to the highway and then cuts across the field in a north-south direction for 600 meters. The other (designated No. 2 on the accompanying sketch) is six meters wide and runs parallel with the highway from its junction with No. 1 for 500 meters. Between it and the highway is the structure used as a workshop, and near this is a steel hangar which can accommodate twenty fighter planes.
2. To the right of runway No. 1 at the point of junction with runway No. 2 there is an area enclosed with barbed wire in which gasoline containers are kept. Underground gasoline storage tanks are probably located in this same area.
3. About 400 meters from the fuel area, south toward the highway, there are four buildings used as officer billets, mess, instruction rooms, student lodgings, and the headquarters of the officers of the field. These buildings were presumably taken from the railway station at Kovin.
4. In July 1946 the Second Squadron School was transferred from Ecka to Kovin complete with all equipment and planes. Instruction has continued regularly since that time. The planes are parked in the open on the eastern side of runway No. 2, the Stormoviks near the area where the two runways join, and the British type farther along runway No. 2 toward its other end. The spare parts and other necessary materials for the school come from the airfield at Pancevo. There are no flying units on the field, other than a platoon of the service company which was brought with the Squadron from Ecka.

- B. A glider course has been initiated at the Aidussina airfield under the auspices of the Youth Glider School at Ljubljana. A number of aeronautical officials are serving as instructors. The students are training for "A" and "B" licenses, and are alleged to be receiving at the same time instruction in the handling of arms. The school is equipped with two Vrabec type gliders.

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C. A sketch of the airfield at Battaglia is attached.

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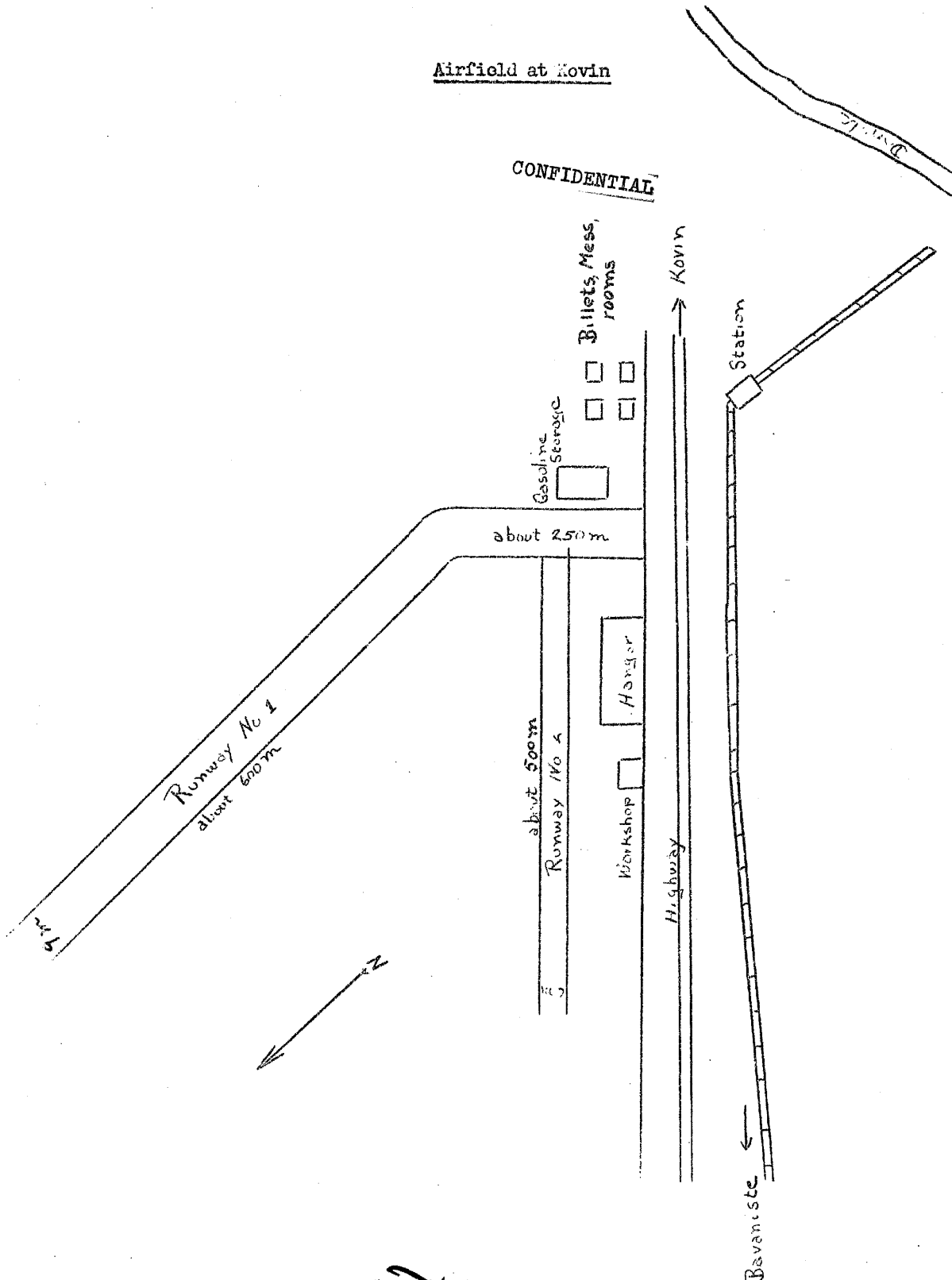
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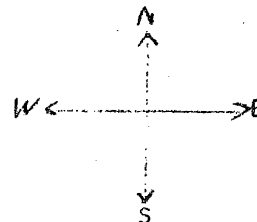
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Airfield at Battaglia

Gorizia

Cornizza



Morgan
Line

Battaglia

Aidussina

Sella d.
Bivio

Airfield

600 m.

Vipacco River

Work is in progress on the
field and the ground is being
leveled.

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